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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County Liquor Control Board - Service of Summonses by Inspectors**  
3 **of the Board**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing, in Harford County, summonses for witnesses issued  
5 by the Liquor Control Board for the purpose of hearings and inquiries that the  
6 board is authorized to hold or make to be served by inspectors employed by the  
7 board; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 16-410(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 16-410(b)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

21 16-410.

22 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (2) "Board" means the Comptroller, the boards of license commissioners,  
24 or the members of the boards, as appropriate.

25 (3) "County" means any county and Baltimore City.

1                   (4)        "Sheriff" means the sheriff of any county or the Baltimore City Police  
2 Department.

3       (b)       (1)        For the purpose of all hearings and inquiries which the board is  
4 authorized to hold and make, the board may issue summonses for witnesses, and  
5 administer to them oaths or affirmations.

6                   (2)        (i)        All summonses shall be served by the sheriff, except that:

7                                   1.        In the City of Annapolis, summonses may also be served  
8 by the Annapolis Police Department;

9                                   2.        In Anne Arundel County, summonses may also be served  
10 by inspectors employed by the Board and by the Anne Arundel County Police  
11 Department; [and]

12                                  3.        In Baltimore City, summonses may also be served by  
13 inspectors employed by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore  
14 City; AND

15                                  4.        IN HARFORD COUNTY, SUMMONSES MAY ALSO BE SERVED  
16 BY INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE HARFORD COUNTY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

17                                  (ii)        If any witness summoned refuses or neglects to attend, or if  
18 attending, refuses to testify, the official issuing the summons shall report the facts to  
19 the circuit court for the county. The court shall proceed by attachment against the  
20 witness in all respects as if the witness summoned to appear in the court in a case  
21 pending before it had neglected or refused to do so.

22       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2004.